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a plurality of spacers disposed between said first plate and said second plate, said spacers being disposed substantially in parallel with each other and extending in a longitudinal direction;

an outer frame hermetically surrounding a space between said first plate and said second plate; and

a getter being disposed between said first plate and said second plate and within the space, and being proximate to a side of said outer frame that is positioned across an imaginary extension of said spacers in the longitudinal direction thereof.

10. (Not Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said getter is disposed outside a region in which said electron-emitting devices are formed.

11. (Not Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein at least one part of said getter is positioned within a region surrounded by the imaginary extension of two of said spacers in the longitudinal direction thereof, said two spacers being in outermost sides.

12. (Not Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said getter is a ring-shaped getter.

13. (Not Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a region in which said electron-emitting devices are formed is an approximate rectangle and said spacer is disposed from one side of said region to an opposite side of said region.